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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

August 23, 2017

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Accelerating Wireline Broadband by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*,
WC Dkt. No. 17-84; *Connect America Fund*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 21, 2017, Mark Nielsen, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer; Ken Mason, Group Vice President, Federal Regulatory; and I, representing Frontier Communications, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Nathan Eagan, his Wireline Legal Advisor.

Frontier provided an overview of its current and future business operations. In that context, Frontier explained its interests in the actions that the FCC is taking to spur broadband deployment, including the proposed rulemaking that examines streamlining and reducing barriers to broadband deployment. Frontier described how rationalizing ILEC pole attachment rates would encourage broadband deployment and remove unnecessary competitive distortions. Frontier also described the importance of easing the copper retirement and service discontinuance processes to allow for more fiber deployment and more innovation. All statements were consistent with Frontier's filed comments in this docket.¹

Frontier also explained that it has been proud to partner with the FCC on the Connect America Fund. We support any efforts to move the Connect America Fund program forward, including the CAF II Auction and the Remote Areas Fund ("RAF"), with the goal of providing robust broadband to rural America.

Please contact me with any additional questions.

¹ Comments of Frontier Communications Corp., WC Dkt. No. 17-84, at 4-7 (filed June 15, 2017).

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Saperstein

cc: Nathan Eagan